NATO HONORS STONE'S ACHIEVEMENTS

LAS VEGAS — Oliver Stone will be honored with the NATO/ ShoWest '92 award for meritorious achievement.

NATO prexy William Kartozian will present the award to Stone at today's luncheon sponsored by Warner Bros., distributor of the filmmaker's current controversial hit "JFK."

"JFK," which is expected to pick up several Oscar nominations today and has grossed more than $58 million domestically, already has earned Stone a number of other honors, including a Golden Globe for best director.

Stone is also one of five nominees for the Directors Guild of America's top filmmaking honor, and he shares with "JFK" co-writer Zachary Sklar a Writers Guild of America nomination for best screenplay based on material from another medium.

Stone's other efforts as a writer-director include the $137 million blockbuster "Platoon" and "Born on the Fourth of July," both of which earned the filmmaker best director Oscars, as well as "Salvador," "Wall Street" and "The Doors."

His scripting credits include Alan Parker's "Midnight Express," John Milius' "Conan the Barbarian," Brian De Palma's "Scarface," Hal Ashby's "Eight Million Ways to Die" and Michael Cimino's "Year of the Dragon."

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